

**House File 432 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to school district transportation costs by  
2 establishing supplementary weighting for transported pupils  
3 in certain school districts and including effective date and  
4 applicability provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, Code 2015, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 7A. *School district per pupil transportation*  
4 *cost.*

5 a. In order to provide additional funds for school districts  
6 with district transportation costs per pupil in excess of  
7 the state average transportation costs per pupil, as those  
8 amounts are determined under section 257.31, subsection 17,  
9 a supplementary weighting plan for determining enrollment is  
10 adopted.

11 b. A supplementary weighting amount per pupil as determined  
12 under paragraph "c" shall be assigned to each transported pupil  
13 of a school district that meets the requirement of paragraph  
14 "a".

15 c. For each budget year, the department of management shall  
16 calculate a supplementary weighting amount per pupil using data  
17 from the base year to generate an amount for each transported  
18 pupil in each school district meeting the requirement of  
19 paragraph "a" equal to fifteen million dollars divided by the  
20 total number of transported pupils in all school districts that  
21 meet the requirement of paragraph "a".

22 d. Eligibility for supplementary weighting under this  
23 subsection shall not affect a school district's eligibility for  
24 transportation assistance under section 257.31, subsection 17.

25 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
26 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

27 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget  
28 years beginning on or after July 1, 2015.

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#### EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill establishes a supplementary weighting plan for  
33 those school districts with district transportation costs per  
34 pupil in excess of the state average transportation costs  
35 per pupil. The bill requires the department of management

1 to calculate a supplementary weighting amount per pupil for  
2 each school district meeting such a requirement to generate  
3 an amount for each transported pupil in each eligible school  
4 district equal to \$15 million divided by the total number of  
5 transported pupils in all eligible school districts.

6 The bill provides that eligibility for supplementary  
7 weighting under the bill does not affect a school district's  
8 eligibility for transportation assistance from the school  
9 budget review committee under Code section 257.31(17).

10 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to school  
11 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2015.